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Request for Waiver.

May I please request a waiver of deadlines for form 4707

I represent Coleman Community Schools in Coleman, Michigan and we have submitted form 470 past it's deadline. This was done because we are now just receiving funds in our first funding year and we received no indication from the SLD that applications were due again. In fact in December of 2002 I wrote a letter to SLD asking information about resubmitting for the next funding year. I received a letter via fax (on 1-20-03) stating that form 471 was due on 2-7-03. My assumption was that form 470 was not required after a school district had been accepted.

While starting to fill out form 471 I realized the process could not start with that form. I called the help desk at SLD and a very kind gentleman told me to go ahead and submit the application and write an appeal.

This deviation will serve the public interest. We are a small school district with many needs. Will you please consider our waiver?

Thank you, Allen C. Spalding Coleman Community Schools Coleman Michigan 48618 989 465-9861

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